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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality Planning

PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Total Maximum Daily Loads for East Fork Owyhee River and Mill Creek, January 2004

Pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, the State of Nevada is required to develop a list of impaired waterbodies that need additional work beyond existing controls to achieve or maintain water quality standards.

The East Fork Owyhee River has been listed on Nevada's 2002 303(d) List for exceedences of the iron (total), phosphorus (total), total suspended solids, turbidity and temperature water quality standards. Mill Creek has been included on Nevada's 2002 303(d) List for exceedences of cadmium (total), copper (total, dissolved), dissolved oxygen, iron (total), pH, phosphorus (total), temperature, total dissolved solids, total suspended solids and turbidity water quality standards.

In an effort to achieve and maintain the existing water quality standards for these waters, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Quality Planning has developed a phased Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation for the parameters listed above.

The Division is issuing this Public Notice and soliciting public comment on this TMDL prior to its final issuance and implementation. Support documentation and rationale used in the determination of the East Fork Owyhee River and Mill Creek TMDLs has been incorporated into the document entitled:

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Hard Copies of the TMDL document can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Water Quality Planning at the address below:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality Planning 333 West Nye Lane Carson City, Nevada 89706

Electronic copies of the TMDL document can be obtained from the NDEP website at http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/tmdl.htm.

Written or E-mailed public comments should be submitted to NDEP-BWQP by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2004. Questions or comments should be directed to:

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